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ROCKS

Here's wishing the editor and his staff and all the Times-Virginian readers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

December is bringing very cold weather. Lots of fog and rain last week and some ice one morning. May get snow yet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ranson of Richmond were visiting his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Paulette of Appomattox on Thursday. Glad Mrs. Ranson was able to make the trip.

Mrs. Catherine Dickerson and Mrs. Pearl Wilson were shopping in Lynchburg on Wednesday.

The Homemakers Club had their Christmas party on Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell. The home was beautifully decorated and delicious refreshments were served. 22 were present for it. All had a wonderful time singing Christmas carols and exchanging gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson have returned from a visit with their son William and his family in Texas.

Mrs. Clarence Richardson and son, Otis went up to see Mrs. Rachel Richardson Sunday afternoon who is back home from the hospital. She is some better.

Rev. W. H. Elder preached at Union Hill Church on Sunday.

The community extends their deepest sympathy to the Woodall family by the loss of their loved ones.

Glad Coot Baker has returned home from Lynchburg General Hospital.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett of Evergreen, who celebrated their 28th Wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 10. Hope they may have many more.

Harry Ranson was on the sick list Sunday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson of Roanoke spent a few days at their home here last week.

Our Lottie Moon offering has been met. $625.00 was the goal. So a bold goal extended and that has been met. Maybe we can reach the alleluiah goal before it ends.

We enjoyed the slides on a trip from the Holy Land on Sunday night. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond for sharing them with us.

On December 25 vespers at the church at 4 p.m. December 31 a watch night service at 8 p.m. A good program is being planned for all. Come and help for it.

WILL PRESENT CHILDREN'S CANTATA AT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In this season of joy and sharing, the Memorial United Methodist Church would like to share a special cantata with the Appomattox community. "I Wonder About Christmas", written by Letha Coles Crouch, is a cantata for children.

The music, the drama, and the message is meant for children, with no age limit on the word "children". Kathy White, Matt Wilbun, Jim Jendzurski, and Kathy Chambers, shown above, will be taking part in the cantata.

Memorial United Methodist Church invites you to be present Monday night, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy this presentation. Bring your little ones and relive with them Christmas in the eyes of a child.

The Pastor Speaks

Current Incarnation

I am the vine, ye are the branches. John 15:5.

This beautiful parable tells us what we want to know. How far is the Incarnate Christ separated from man? He is the only one who has fully revealed the nature and purpose of God. He is the Ultimore in this revelation.

However, in his relationship with mankind, his perfection is not reduced, but is extended. He is always the vine. His extension will always be branches. Had it not been for this the call of the Disciples would have been in vain. Christ was constantly using his ministry of suffering love to extend himself. The crowds who earnestly sought him were not looking for showmanship. They were seeking the radiance of his extended love. The benefits were pictures of God, and happy people sharing his Incarnation. One of the most spiritual pictures of this came later when he returned on the day of Pentecost. This extension of his incarnation gave us the Church that bears his name, and challenges mankind by the Cross.

Now where are we? Churches doting every town and at many cross-roads!! Christmas again, programs, gifts, and with many the spirit of deep and adoration for Christ and the Church. The purpose of organized Christianity is to extend and accept fully the love of God as understood in the gift of Christ. If our efforts fall shot of that we have failed. Christianity is not a matter of technical beliefs. This is what current incarnation is all about. May this appreciation give victory over the world, and create in us a love that identifies us with all that Christ lived and preached.

Floyd M. Lucas,
The United Methodist Church

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THE REQUIREMENT

Lesson for December 18, 1977

Background Scripture: Micah 1 through 3
1 through 5
Devotional Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Rev. Althouse

Little Jimmy came running into the kitchen, shouting, "Mother! Mother! There's a big black bear in our yard!" Looking out into the yard through the window over her sink, Jimmy's mother said, "Now Jimmie, you know very well that's just a big dog. Now you go up to your room and ask God to forgive you for telling such a lie."

Not long afterward, little Jimmy passed his mother as he hurried outside once again. "Jimmy," his mother called, "did you ask God to forgive you?" "Oh, yes," came the reply, "and he said it was all right; he thought it was a bear himself the first time he looked!"

Corrupted truth

At five years of age little Jimmy's problems with truth and falsehood are cute and amusing. At 15 or 25 or 35, that same capacity would be cause for alarm. Yet, as the years go by, little Jimmy may learn that, despite what society may say about truth, it is not so much a question of whether you lie, but how and why you do it. If you do it with subtlety and finesse, it may be called something else: advertising, promotion, public relations, perhaps even a sermon or a speech. Ours is a society that not only does not prosecute certain forms of lying, but may actually condone or promote it. When we watch television, when we read an advertisement, when we listen to a political speech we do not expect that we will hear the truth. We have come to expect a lot of sophisticated lying.

We speak a great deal of governmental corruption today, but I believe the greatest danger facing our society is not Communism, nor inflation, nor the energy crisis, nor corruption in government, but the **corruption of the common man**. Outrageous as is the corruption of government on all sides of us, the corruption that threatens us most is the dishonesty of you and me as we buy and sell inferior—sometimes dangerous—products at inflated prices, as we lie about our products under the guise of good marketing or advertising, as we cheat on our taxes and steal time, goods or money on the job!

He has showed you

Yesterday a roofing contractor came to our house to give an estimate on the repair of some storm damage. Casually looking at the damage, he said: "I guess we'll have to make it about $450 to make up for your deductible." Knowing that under my insurance policy I would have to pay the first $250, he was proposing to inflate (lie is another word) the estimate and thus have the insurance pay it all. It was obvious that this was standard procedure for him. Increasingly, I find it is standard procedure for many, many people.

I don't know what is the man's religion, but whatever it is, he is missing the point. What God requires of us is something quite different, for the most part, than many of us give him. The requirement is in simple language for any who care to know: **"to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God"** (Micah 6:8).

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This was the first year that I'm aware of any Appomattox farmers using migrant farm workers to harvest crops. Since there may be others who are interested, you will want to attend a meeting in early January.

The Virginia Employment Commission is planning a meeting with interested farmers who wish to use migrant workers for the 1978 growing season. The meeting will be 1:30 p.m., Fri. January 6, at the VEC Office, 1912 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans for the 1978 growing season and to inform farmers who are unfamiliar with their program for obtaining labor.

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Congratulations to Hugh Braford who was re-elected a director of the Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Association.

Last Thursday evening 99 persons attended the Annual Meeting held at the WOW Building here in Appomattox.

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The Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the risks and benefits of maleic hydrazide to determine whether it should be left on the market, restricted in use, or banned. This material is used on practically all tobacco grown in Appomattox County and the Southeastern United States.

There is conflicting research concerning the formation of tumors, chromosone damage and possible reproduction problems.

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In 1977 there were 10 acres of wheat and 5 acres of barley inspected for certification in Appomattox County. With proper management this could become a source of optional income.

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This may come as a shock to you, but current population projections show that Appomattox County will have a 27.68% growth from 1978 to 1990.

Current population of Appomattox is 11,983 and is expected to rise to 15,300. This will have an impact on all social institutions and agencies of county government. The planning that is done in the next several years will determine the kind of county we'll have in 1990.

This growth rate is the highest of any political subdivision in planning district II and is far greater than the anticipated 15% growth that the state will have. Surrounding counties are projected as follows: Campbell 25.53%, Amherst 12.23%, Nelson 5.43% Buckingham 8.13%, Prince Edward 10.36% and Charlotte 1.13%.

Population growth may affect classroom space, church facilities, recreational opportunities, water, sewage, retail establishments, job opportunities, and, quite possibly, taxes.

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In 1977 the Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Association marketed 11,103 head of cattle. The most recent sales (fall) are of particular interest.

The three calf sales had 5,116 head which makes Lynchburg the largest marketer of feeder calves in Virginia. The first calf sale had 1,349 steers which was the largest offeirng of steers in any one sale. The first sale (growth sale) was fifth highest selling in the state. Breedwise, Simmental steers brought the most per pound, but there were only 340 sold. When numberrs are considered the Angus-Hereford Cross was the highest selling group. Thirty-eight percent of all cattle sold through the organized sales were Angus - Hereford crosses.

At the last yearling sale Lynchburg had the second highest percentage of fancy and choice calves offered in Virginia with 56%. Lynchburg sold 2376 head of yearling cattle.

Virginia sold 155,000 head of cattle through the organized sales this year which is 17,000 more than was sold in 1976.

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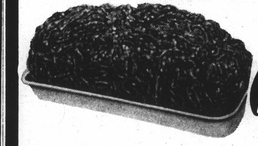

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